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POLISHING STATIONS AND PROVIDING RELATIVE LINEAR MOTION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed May 22, 2001, applicant elects the invention of Group I, drawn to an apparatus (claims 1-11, 19-26, 29-31 and 36-37). The election is made without traverse.

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